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LATEST PHASE OF BEHRING SEA CASE.

Blaine's Illness and its Effect on the Administration—The Glen Echo Chatauqua— Angling in the Potomac.

WASHINGTON, May 30 .- Not even the international questions which are now engaging the attention of the administration are worrying the President so much as the Pension Office muddle. Secretary Noble has taken a determined stand against Pension Commissioner Raum. He has made an absolute demand that Commissioner Raum shall be dismissed, but in the same connection has left the President the widest discretion in the matter. Secretary Noble is now out West, where he has been for several weeks, and it can be stated as a positive fact that he will not return to Washington to resume duty as chief of the Interior Department until Commissioner Haum shall have been removed. Secretary Noble is so determined in this course that he has left his resignation in the hands of a friend who is a prominent official of the administration, to be delivered to the President in the event he shall refuse to remove Raum. But from the best information obtainable there is no doubt of the Pension of the Pen Commissioner's early removal.

NOBLE DETERMINED.

Prior to the departure of Secretary Noble for the West Tex Times stated that he had laid down his ultimatum that either he or Raum should retire. This was during the President's absence on his campaigning tour. Mr. Noble in very emphatic language informed Commissioner Raum that both of them could not remain as officials of the administration. At the outset he demanded Raum's resignation. The latter refused to resign, saying he had been invited by the President to take charge of the Pension Bureau, and that he would not lay down his office except by order of the President. It was then, after this refusal, that Secretary Noble defared that either he or Raum must retire. The Secretary went to his home in St. Louis, where he now is, and the President has been informed of his purpose to resign unless Raum informed of his purpose to resignunless Raum shall be retired.

Noble is an old friend of the President, and

since the return of the latter he has given a large share of his time to the Pension Office

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Harrison is now employing every energy and devoting all the power of his administration to obtain a renomination. Upon his return from his tour his first intention was to summarily bounce Raum, but the latter brought considerable political influence to bear in his favor. His friends advised the President that the removal of Raum would provoke the indignation of the Illinois Republicans, and would probably result in arraying the party of that State against Harrison. This presentation caused the President to suspend the axe which was already raised to dispatch the presentation caused the President to suspend the axe which was already raised to dispatch the Pension Commissioner. Harrison is too anxious to secure the support of the Illinois delega-tion to the next National Republican Conven-tion to run any risk of creating further an-tagonism in that State. Ex-Senator Farwell is openly opposed to him because of alleged mistreatment in the disposition of patronage, and Senator Cullom is an ayowed candidate mistreatment in the disposition of patronage, and Senator Cullom is an avowed candidate for the presidential nomination. To vent his spleen against Harrison, Mr. Farwell has actively espoused the cause of Raum, and to facilitate his presidential boom Cullom has joined with Farwell. Hence it is plain that the President has cause to worry about Illinois. But for this complication and the threats of Raum, backed by Farwell and Cullom, there would have complication and the threats of Raum, backed by Farwell and Cullom, there would have been a change in the Pension Office before now. The President is not willing to disrupt his Cabinet by accepting the resignation of Secretary Noble; and at the same time he hesitates to invite the open antagonism of Raum and his friends. This is the present situation situation

THE BEHRING SEA CONTROVERSY. Secretary Blaine's illness has not only seriously crippled his presidential boom, but it has embarrassed the administration in arriving at a settlement of the international questions now existing. The illness and absence of the Secretary has led to a marked change of front on the part of this Government in relation to the Behring sea controversy. As the matter now stands our Government has virtually assented to the proposals of Great Britain.
Secretary Rlaine while directing the affairs of
the State Department resisted all demands of
England and stubbornly contended for concessions which Salisbury had refused.
When Mr. Blaine was so suddenly
tricken the precipitions were fermiografile. When Mr. Blaine was so suddenly stricken the negotiations were temporarily stopped, the supposition then being that the Secretary's illness was of only a trivial character, and that he would soon be able to resume control of the subject. When it became apparent that Mr. Blaine was really seriously afflicted, and after his physicians had prohibited him from giving any thought or attention to business for at least several months, the administration least several months, the administration seemed to "get rattled," to use a common but very expressive phrase, in regard to the Behring sea controversy. The Government revenue cutters were being held at San Franrevenue cutters were being held at San Francisco, awaiting orders as to what course should be pursued in order to suppress scal poaching. Meantime the season for seal catching was rapidly approaching. The whole determination of the question rested upon Secretary Blaine, and he was in no condition to consider any vital question. Then the President was requested by Secretary Foster to take cognizance of the subject and really to act for Secretary Blaine. Several conferences were held between the President, Secretary Foster of the Treasury and Secretary Tracy of the held between the President, Secretary Foster of the Treasury and Secretary Tracy of the Navy. The case presented a dilemma from which not even the President could propose a solution. Telegrams were sent inquiring the prospect of Secretary Blaine's early recovery, and as unfavorable responses came a special messenger was sent to him in New York. This messenger had a talk with Mr. Blaine's attending physician, who expressed the professional opinion that the Secretary of State needed long and absolute rest from all work. As there was not the least prospect of obtaining the advice and services of Blaine. Secretary Foster counseled moderation, a virtual retreat. After several days of perturbation the President assented, and orders were sent to the revenue cutters which direct were sent to the revenue cutters which direct were sent to the revenue cutters which direct them to keep violent hands off of any Canadian poachers, but to gently warn them against killing seals. Meantime the Government is to assent to the British proposition to defer the killing of seals until the questions at issue may be settled by arbitration. While this is a retreat, many able men in public life believe it was the wisest policy to adopt, as they hold that the original contention of the United States concerning Behring sea could not be legally and successfully maintained. BLAINE'S CONDITION.

There are many persons in Washington who believe that Secretary Blaine will never resume active public service, and there are friends of the Secretary who quietly confess that they do not expect him to recover from his present attack. Within the last few days the impression that the Secretary is not likely to impression that the Secretary is not likely to recover has become quite general. All the diplomacy of the attending physician and the cheering reports given out by the Secretary's family fail to conceal the fact that, he is in a dangerous condition. But aside from all these signs the President has received advices that Mr. Blaine cannot possibly resume his duties, or even give any attention to public matters before next fall. The President's advices more than imply a doubt of Mr. Blaine's ever being able to resume his place at the Cabinet board. The most authentic information warrants the assertion that Secretary Blaine is not only dangerously ill, but that he may not long survive.

GLEN ECHO CHATAUQUA.

Of all the enterprises started at the National Capital for years the Glen Echo Chatauqua has made the most wonderful progress. The location is one of the most lovely on the banks of the grand Potomac. It is just below a grand sweep of the river, and the scenery alone is sufficient to hold the admiration of any lover of nature, and to teach a lesson never to be forgotten. The buildings needed for the great educational enterprise are going up almost as if by magic. Hundreds of workmen are employed in rearing the structures necessary for this great scheme, and there is scarcely a doubt that the Glen Echo Chatau-

qua will so far surpass the original in all its attractions as to supplant it in popular estima-

Never before in the history of the Potomae have the deciples of Isaac Walton enjoyed such splendid sport with the finny denizens of that classic stream as this spring. For several years past the gamey black bass have been for the greater part of the fishing season left undisturbed, not because of the reason that continuous rains kept the stream too muddy for fishing. This spring, however, has been a most gratifying exception. For weeks the Potomac's waters have been of a glassy clearness, and Washington anglers have captured thousands of bass with the rod and line. The most gratifying feature to the sportsman is the clear evidence of rapid increase of bass in the river. The unfavorable condition of several seasons past had led to the almost general conclusion that the game fish were been gdepleted, but they seem to have been protected by the muddy water, as there were never so many taken from the river before.

A BADLY GOVERNED CITY.

A BADLY GOVERNED CITY. In some respects the Federal Capital is the worst governed city of the Union. There is more of petty despotism tolerated here than anywhere else in the country. Under a law of Congress the District of Columbia is governed by a board of three commissioners, two civilians and one army officer. These men are appointed by the President, and therefore have no sense of dependence upon popular opinion or sentiment. For instance an every-day scene in the Police Court is the arraignment of dozens of small boys for play-

an every-day scene in the Police Court is the arraignment of dozens of small boys for playing base-ball in the street.

Notwithstanding the scores of parks, including the mall, which extends for many squares through the city, no place is set apart for the amusement of children. Unless the boys go entirely beyond the city limits they are not permitted legally to play base-ball. It is needless to state that under the restrictions the boys will defy the law. They take posneedless to state that under the restrictions the boys will defy the law. They take possession of vacant lots and even of streets which are not much traveled, and it is amusing to watch their devices to guard against surprise by the police. They make regular details of pickets, who are stationed at points surrounding the ball-ground, and when a policeman appears in sight their vigilant juvenile watchmen sound a given signal. In an almost incredulous space of time the boys disappear, but upon the passage of the police officer they reappear just as miraculously and resume their game where it was interrupted.

Sunday Newspapers and Sunday Trains. During the session of the late Episcopal Diocesan Council in this city a report was sub-mitted on the state of the Church, in which, among other things, it is declared that "the Sunday newspaper is a scandalizing influence." A committee of the Southern Presbyterian Assembly, now in session at Birmingham, Aia., also inveighed against Sunday papers, and "went the Episcopalians one better" by protesting against the running of trains on Sun-

day.

There is a tendency, it must be regretfully stated, on the part of Sabbatarians to make no allowance for differences of opinion. They approach dangerously near to the pharisaical I-am-holier-than-thou line in their denunciations as evil and unchristian of everything tions as evil and unchristian of everything that runs counter to their very circumscribed views and opinions. They take no consideration either of the need of the times in which we live nor the circumstances by which we are surrounded. They would hedge us all about with the ipse dixit of doctrinal and dogmatical rule and permit us to go "thus far and no further." Argument and reasoning against the position taken by them is swept and no further." Argument and reasoning against the position taken by them is swept contemptuously aside as a part of the evil or supposed evil of which they complain, and with their "I have spoken" they anathematize, as it were, all who differ with them.

As for Sunday newspapers, it is hardly worth while to call attention to the of-treworth while to call attention to the of-trepeated explanation that they are manufactured principally before the Sabbath begins, and that their publication, therefore,
ought to be far less objectionable than that of
the Monday morning paper, all the work on
which has to be done on Sunday. But again,
it is the reading of Sunday papers which is
objected to as pernicions. If that were true
of the Sunday paper it would be far more so
of the papers published on the other six days
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of the papers published on the other six days of the week, and should be condemned as dangerous to the peace and purity of the home and of the community.

As a matter of fact, however, the Sunday newspaper is distinctly a help in the propagation of intelligence and morality. With its abundance of reading material it occupies pleasantly and profitably many an hour for the man who during the week has no time to read and who takes to his Sunday paper as a welcome recreation to mind and body. It keeps him at home and away from associa-tions and influences, the hurtfulness and peril of which are too well known to make

peril of which are too well known to make specific mention necessary.

As for the running of railroads on Sundays, what would hundreds of preachers do who have to visit country churches to hold service if trains were not convenient? And why should the man who cannot afford to keep a horse and carriage be prevented from taking a modest outing in this inexpensive way? Or why should no facilities be at hand for the physician who may suddenly be called to some one in great need of him, or for the person that may have some loved one in distress and requiring his immediate presence? The world moves. The conditions that governed mankind four thousand years ago have been revolutionized, and the church that cannot or will not keep in line with modern thought and modern demands with modern thought and modern demands will surely lose its hold upon the people.—Petersburg Index-Appeal.

Miscellaneous Notes.

The value of the exports of beef, hog and dairy products from the United States during February was \$11,321,105, an increase of \$209,745 over the corresponding month of last

The production of pig-iron in the United States on March 1st was at the rate of 134,526 tons, against 183,846 on December 1st, a decline of 49,000 tons a week. Such a heavy decline in output ought to right the market and bring consumption below the production very

fast.—Baltimore Manufacturers' Record.
Michigan proposes to have variation in the
way of railway legislation, and the House
committee has favorably reported a bill recommittee has lavorably reported a bill requiring all railroads to transport members of the Legislature free of charge while they are engaged in their legislative duties, and that each member be allowed to carry 150 pounds of baggage.—Railway Review.

The tin fields of New South Wales were not opened until 1872, but since that date tin and the creater to the value of weekly \$45,000 one.

tin ore to the value of nearly \$45,000,000 has been taken from them and shipped from the colony. The ore has come mainly from alluvial deposits, but huge stanniferous dikes intersecting the granite company rock, which give much promise, have recently been dis-

It is satisfactory to note that the gross earn It is satisfactory to note that the gross earnings for February show an improvement of 4.13 per cent. over the corresponding month last year and that the gain has been secured on a comparison with a a month which showed an increase of more than 11 per cent. as compared with February, 1889. The increase is undoubtedly the result of better rates for

transportation.—Railway Age.
While the late spring interfered with the distribution of merchandise to some extent a generally satisfactory movement is reported in most trades. The clearings last week for the whole country show a decrease of 1.4 per cent. as compared with the same week last year, but the whole loss was made in New York city and was largely due to the de-creased speculation in stocks.—Philadelphia

The New York bank statement shows a decrease in reserve of \$738,200. The banks, however, still show a surplus of \$9.055,576 above the 25 per cent, legal requirements against a surplus of only \$3,416,425 on March 22, 1830. During the past week the New York sub-treasury paid out a total of \$4,916,000 in pensions, making a grand aggregate of pension disbursements at that point of over \$8,000,000 since March 4th.—Boston Adver-

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